

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-44 were previously cancelled.

45. (Currently amended) A handle implement comprising:

an elongated body having a tapered front side and a tapered rear end, top and bottom surfaces and opposing sides, said body being generally rounded and being generally parallel to a longitudinal axis at the center of said body, said tapered front side and said tapered rear end are situated on and taper toward said longitudinal axis at the center of said body, said tapered end leading to a tip end which is situated on the outermost surface of said implement, said tip end is situated on and tapers towards said axis;

a thumb positioning section situated on said top surface of said body adjacent to said front side of said body, said thumb positioning section comprising a concave indentation, said thumb positioning section sloping downwardly from said indentation towards said opposing sides of said body, said thumb positioning section comprising a thumb rest section; and

an index finger rest section situated on said bottom surface of said body adjacent to said front side of said body, said index finger rest section comprising a cavity with an extended protrusion, said protrusion designed to cover at least a portion of user's index finger.

46. (Previously added) The implement of Claim 45 further comprising an encircable section situated adjacent said rear end of said body, said section being generally rounded in its circumference.

47. (Previously added) The implement of Claim 46 wherein said encircable section is designed to support user's palms and three fingers.

48. (Currently amended) The implement of Claim 45 wherein said thumb positioning section is situated above said index finger rest section, said thumb positioning section further comprising an outer rim.

49. (Previously added) The implement of Claim 45 further comprising an aperture situated adjacent said rear end of said body.

50. (Previously added) The implement of Claim 45 wherein said thumb rest section is recessed relative to said thumb positioning section.

51. (Previously added) The implement of Claim 45 wherein said thumb rest section protrudes relative to said thumb positioning section.

52. (Previously added) The implement of Claim 45 wherein said tapered front and rear ends extend outwardly toward one another and then tapers adjacent said index finger rest section.

53. (Previously added) The implement of Claim 45 wherein said tapered front and rear ends extend outwardly toward one another and then tapers adjacent said thumb positioning section.

54. (Previously added) The implement of Claim 45 wherein said thumb rest section is constructed of a different material relative to said body and said thumb positioning section.

55. (Currently amended) A handle implement comprising:

an elongated body having a tapered front side and a tapered rear end, top and bottom surfaces and opposing sides, said body being generally rounded and being generally parallel to a longitudinal axis at the center of said body, said tapered front side and said tapered rear end are situated on and taper toward said longitudinal axis at the center of said body, said tapered end leading to a tip end which is situated on the outermost surface of said implement, said tip end is situated on and tapers towards said axis;

a thumb positioning section situated on said top surface of said body adjacent to said front side of said body, said thumb positioning section comprising a concave

indentation, said thumb positioning section sloping downwardly from said indentation towards said opposing sides of said body, said thumb positioning section comprising a thumb rest section; and

an encirclable section situated adjacent said rear end of said body, said section being generally rounded in its circumference.

56. (Previously added) The implement of Claim 55 wherein said encirclable section is designed to support user's palms and three fingers.

57. (Previously added) The implement of Claim 55 wherein said thumb positioning section is situated above said index finger rest section.

58. (Previously added) The implement of Claim 55 wherein said tapered front and rear ends extend outwardly toward one another and then tapers adjacent said thumb positioning section, said expansion of said rear end forming said encirclable section.

59. (Previously added) The implement of Claim 55 wherein said thumb rest section is recessed relative to said thumb positioning section.

60. (Previously added) The implement of Claim 55 wherein said thumb rest section protrudes relative to said thumb positioning section.

61. (Previously added) The implement of Claim 55 wherein said thumb rest section comprises a friction enhancing surface texture.

62. (Previously added) The implement of Claim 55 wherein said thumb rest section comprises friction enhancing protrusions extending therefrom.

63. (Previously added) The implement of Claim 55 wherein said thumb rest section is constructed of a different material relative to said body and said thumb positioning section.

64. (Currently amended) A handle implement comprising:

an elongated body having a tapered front side and a tapered rear end, top and bottom surfaces and opposing sides, said body being generally parallel to a longitudinal axis at the center of said body, said tapered front side and said tapered rear end are situated on and taper toward said longitudinal axis at the center of said body, said tapered end leading to a tip end which is situated on the outermost surface of said implement, said tip end is situated on and tapers towards said axis; and

an index finger rest section situated on said bottom surface of said body adjacent to said front side of said body, said index finger rest section comprising a cavity with an extended protrusion, said protrusion designed to cover at least a portion of user's index finger, said tapered front and rear ends extend outwardly toward one another and then tapers adjacent said index finger rest section.